

constant emission of volatile [material] until it is exhausted”.

Thus, applicant submits that claims 2-4 and 8-12 are not obvious over the references of Mühmel and Nightingale.

Further, the Examiner rejected claims 6 and 7 as being obvious over Mühmel in view of Nightingale and Chiao as applied to claim 5. Claim 5 is dependent on claim 11, and as discussed above, claim 11 is patentable over the prior art, as shown. Adding Chiao to the references, does not change the fact that Nightingale only teaches one embodiment that includes an arrangement that would be suitable for using a carrier gas (Fig. II and associated description), as taught by Mühmel. However, that embodiment only contemplates one capillary for vapor slow vapor emission. Thus, the combination of Mühmel in view of Nightingale and Chiao as applied to claim 5 does not render obvious claims 6 and 7..

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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